

**Flower Memorial Library:**



**ANNUAL  
BOOK SALE  
2023**

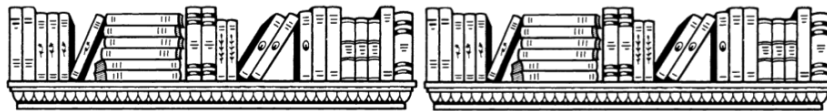
Flower Memorial Library  
229 Washington St, Watertown, NY

**Saturday October 21  
through**

**Monday October 30**

*\*All hours the library is open\**

**Bag Sale Begins  
Friday October 27**



**Preview Night  
Friday October 20  
6:30 pm-8:30 pm**

Open to members of The Friends of the Flower Memorial Library. Become a "Friends" member today! Sign up at the circulation desk, at the door on preview night or online at [www.friendsofflower.org](http://www.friendsofflower.org).

## **Engineering Department:**

### **Barben Avenue / Holcomb St. / Bugbee Dr. and East St. Water Main Replacement:**

The new Water Main and services on East Street have been installed and tested along with the new services on Holcomb Street from Mullin Street to Ten Eyck Street. A Change Order was made for additional paving work in these areas and sent to the City Council for approval at their 10-02-2023 meeting. EDGE Civil Corporation has graded and paved both roads, and are currently working on site restoration. Once complete, a final walkthrough for this project will be held.



### **City Hall Court Elevator Replacement:**

A bid package to replace the elevator at City Hall was made, and this project is now out to bid.

### **Division St East / Thompson St Water Main Replacement Projects:**

Barton and Loguidice has completed their as built drawings for this project, and the Engineering Department is currently in the process of closing out this project

### **DRI Streetscape Project:**

CCI Companies has completed the road paving for this project and has begun milling and paving the crosswalks.

### **Fire Station Renovations:**

Construction for this project began on October 9, 2023.

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**Flower Memorial Library Cornice Repointing:**

A Notice to proceed has been sent to Heritage Masonry. This project is currently in the submittal phase and will begin work in the spring of 2024.

**Franklin Street ADA Ramps:**

Bids for this project were opened on September 25, 2023 and City Council accepted the bid from On Point Excavation & Consulting LLC as the contractor at their October 2, 2023 meeting.

**Hydro Plant Concrete:**

The contractor has completed the concrete piers, they plan to re-water the canal in the next few days.

**Massey St / Coffeen St. / Court St. Project:**

The deck of the Court Street bridge is complete and the contractor is installing the expansion joints and bearings for the bridge. Paving on Massey Street began September 27, 2023.

**Water Treatment Plant COAG Generator Replacement:**

The new concrete pad for the generator has been installed along with the new electrical conduit.

**Vanduzee Street Bridge:**

The contractor has poured the fascia and reattached the guard rails on the bridge, and have begun spot-repairing the south bound lanes of the bridge. Once complete, the contractor will begin work on the north bound lanes.





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**Washington St / Keyes Ave 500 Block Sewer:**

JL Excavation has installed the new sewer laterals on Keyes Avenue, and has tested the new manhole. JL Excavation is now installing the new sewer main on Washington Street. The new manhole has also been tied into the live sewer.



**William J. Flynn Pool and Bathhouse Rehabilitation:**

Con Tech Building Systems has poured the concrete for the new pool's floor and are creating the forms for the pool's walls. Once complete, Con Tech Building Systems will install the shotcrete for the walls. Blackstone Electric has removed most of the old wires in the Pool Mechanical Room, and Hyde Stone has begun uninstalling and removing the old ductwork. A Change Order for an electrical panel was approved by the City Council at their October 2, 2023 meeting, and a progress meeting was held on October 3, 2023.



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**CitiBus:**

**Public Wi-Fi and “Find Your CitiBus, with the PassioGO App”**

- CitiBus is excited to announce the addition of public Wi-Fi on all fixed routes and paratransit buses.
- In addition, you will now have the ability to “Find Your CitiBus...” with the PassioGO app by Passio Technologies. PassioGO will provide you with the location of all CitiBus’s fixed route buses, their expected time of arrival to a stop, and schedule(s) and route(s) information. There is also an option for you to sign up to receive service-affecting alerts and other communications.
- PassioGO can be found on either Apple’s App Store, Google’s Play Store or simply by scanning the QR CODE below. Don’t forget to select Ask your Bus Operator or call our main office at 315-785-7772 if you have any questions.



## Civil Service & Human Resources:

A flyer for a job fair. The top section features a grid of 24 small photos of diverse individuals. Below this is a large yellow hexagon with the words "JOB FAIR" in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. To the left of the hexagon, the text "CITY OF WATERTOWN", "WATERTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT", and "WATERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY" is written in black. Below the hexagon, the text "JOB OPPORTUNITIES" is followed by a list of fields: Engineering, Custodial and Maintenance, Foodservice, Teaching, Law Enforcement, Firefighting, Public Works, Finance, Wastewater Treatment, Water Filtration and Distribution, Parks and Recreation, Information Technology and School Paraprofessionals. A yellow banner contains the date "WED. OCT 18, 2023" and the time "3:00 PM - 6:00 PM". Below this, a yellow location pin icon is next to the text "F.X. CAPRARA CONFERENCE CENTER", "1291 FAICHNEY DRIVE, WATERTOWN NY", and "PLEASE ENTER THROUGH DOOR B". A section titled "Benefits of Public Sector Employment:" lists: Job Security, Competitive Starting Wages, Annual Wage Increases, NYS Pension, Generous Health Benefits, and Generous Paid Sick & Vacation Leave. The bottom section, on a yellow background, provides contact information: "FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VACANCIES OR FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE VISIT: WWW.WATERTOWN-NY.GOV OR (315) 785-7733 WWW.WATERTOWNCSD.ORG OR (315) 785-3720 WWW.WHANY.ORG OR (315) 782-1251".

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### Job Fair:

- On October 3, 2023 our Civil Service Executive Secretary represented the City at the Jefferson County Workforce's Fall Job Fair at the Hilton Garden Inn. Angela Robbins was able to connect with several potential applicants.
- On October 5, 2023 HR and Civil Service attended SUNY Canton's School of Engineering job fair, it was the first time the City was in attendance. The City has several openings with job titles in the Engineering field making for a good opportunity to promote current vacancies and to let students know where to look and apply for future vacancies in their career field.
- The City, in conjunction with the Housing Authority and Watertown City School District, will once again be hosting a job fair. The job fair will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 from 3pm to 6pm at the FX Caprara Conference Center on Faichney Drive in Watertown. Please see our job fair flyer above.



## Planning Department:

### LL. Bean Pop-Up Shop:

On October 7-8, 2023, the L.L. Bean pop-up shop returned to Public Square for the fourth year. Planning staff reached out to the Downtown Business Association and all DBA members about a month ago to let them know about the pop-up shop. The DBA hosted their Local Arts Fall Festival the same day, in the parking garage on Court Street. Despite the cold and rainy weather, the pop-up show was busy all weekend. L.L. Bean staff shared that Watertown is one of their most favorite stops because City staff is so easy to work with and they always have a very successful weekend. They look forward to hopefully returning for a fifth year.



## Water Department:

### Wastewater Treatment:

Watertown Water Bears competed in Operations Challenge internationally at WEFtec 23 in Chicago. The competition consisted of 55 teams from 6 countries with 3 Divisions. The Water Bears won best team photo!! Division II consisted of 23 teams where the Water Bears placed first in the Laboratory Event and second in the Process Control Event.

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(photo credit Derek Martin 3A WWTP operator)



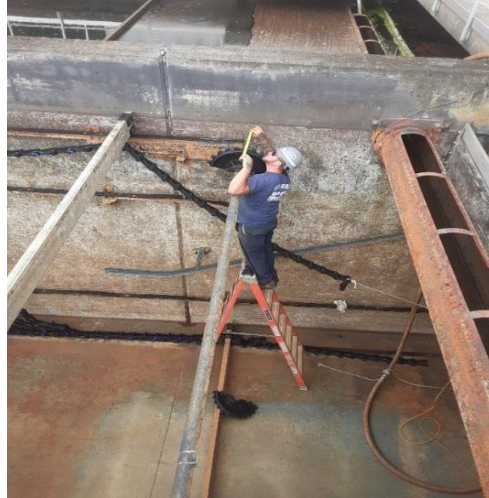
We Congratulate our City representatives from the WWTP, on a job well done!





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The last remaining sprockets were installed for Effluent B and the tank was placed online after a complete changing of rails, sprockets, and chain.



A new motor was placed on the drive unit for Final B settling tank.

A wrist pin was replaced on the thickened biosolids pump.



New discs were replaced on secondary digester transfer pump.

## Police Department:

### Police Lateral Transfers:

The Watertown Police Department is still looking for **police officer transfers**. NY State certified police officers may apply by visiting the City of Watertown Civil Service website at:  
<https://watertown-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

### Police Academy:

The 2023-2024 session of the Black River/St. Lawrence Valley Police Academy is now in week five. The academy class includes 12 recruits from the Watertown Police Department, one recruit from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and one recruit from the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. Two WPD recruits recently resigned from the department to take jobs with the NY State Police. The recruits completed their training in firearms and emergency vehicle operations this week. Additional training this week includes professional communications, NY Penal Law, NY Criminal Procedure Law (search & seizure), physical fitness & wellness and Cultural Diversity/Bias Related Incidents.

Recruit officers participating in firearms training during the fourth week of the police academy.





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While half the academy class participated in firearms training, the other half was in EVOC training.





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## Mayor's Office:

### German-American Flag Raising:

A Beautiful Watertown October Day to Raise and honor the German-American history of our North Country immigrating 340 years ago. October 5, 2023, Mayor Jeffrey M Smith with City Council Raised the German Flag at City Hall.





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## Honorary Street Renaming:

On October 5, 2023, The Mayor with City Council members honored 2 former Mayors with a Street Sign Re-naming at John C. Thompson Park.



Photo credit WWNY-TV 7



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## Fire Department:

### Optimus Prime and his Decepticons:

September 25-26 Watertown Fire Department supported Mr. Joe Fiduccia and Optimus Prime as he and select Decepticons visited all five city elementary schools. Joe and Optimus provide their “Students Rise Up to Bullies with Team Prime” educational presentation. The department was honored to house Optimus at the Massey Street Station and to escort him from school to school. Optimus was also escorted by units from Guilfoyle Ambulance, Watertown Police, Jefferson County Sheriff, and NYS Troopers.



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**Fire Prevention Month:**

October is Fire Prevention Month and that makes things very busy at the Fire Department. We've hosted or visited well over 1000 students from all of the Watertown City and parochial schools and some home school groups so far this month! Remember to brush up on your Stop, Drop and Roll! Here are just a few of our visits:

**Starbuck Elementary @ Station #1:**



**The Truck Company @ North Elementary:**





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**Faith Fellowship @ Station #2:**



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**Sherman Elementary @ Station #1:**



**Engine #1 visiting Home School groups:**





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**Water Rescue Incident:**

On Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2023, the City of Watertown Water Rescue Team was requested to assist with the water rescue of two people from a rain swollen stream. The two victims tried to cross the stream with their tractor but got stranded part way across. Department personnel assisted with rescuing the victims and securing the tractor.



**National Grid Training:**

On Thursday and Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, National Grid personnel refreshed WFD crews on electrical safety. National Grid utilized their First Responder Electrical Safety Trailer to demonstrate electrical hazards and proper safety techniques.

